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Applicants : Takanori SAITO, et al.  
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THERMAL PROCESSING UNIT

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued March 19, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin at p. 2.

Remarks begin at page 5.